

AID FOR THE NEEDY

Relief to Be Asked for Illinois Flood Sufferers

CHARITY MAY BE EXERCISED

The Losses by the Great Inundation Cannot Be Calculated—Hundreds Reduced to Poverty.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.—Gov. Flier is seriously considering the issue of a proclamation calling upon the people of Illinois generally to contribute to the relief of sufferers by flood in that state. Thousands of such sufferers, including 500 at Belleville and 2,500 at Alton, are not only in need of assistance for the present, but will in numerous cases be dependent upon others for weeks to come, owing to loss of crops and homes, and in some instances the loss of their farming land, which was swept away by the flood. Gov. Flier will immediately obtain a census of the sufferers in each county where they have taken refuge, in order to determine the exact number of persons who will be burdened upon the various communities for some time to come and to form a systematic plan of relief in which the people throughout Illinois will probably be asked to cooperate.

It is impossible now to attempt to make an estimate of the losses caused by the flood between St. Louis and Cairo. It will foot up into the millions. It is roughly estimated that 200,000 acres of grain are under water. That means in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 bushels of wheat. Then there are the homes that have been washed away, furniture lost, cattle drowned, and in many places lakes formed on lands that may stand for years. There is no hope for the farmers. It will take several weeks after the waters recede for the lands to become sufficiently dry to be plowed and by that time nothing could be planted that will mature before the frosts of winter come. There over 100 big flour mills that will be affected, and many of them will not turn a wheel until another crop is harvested. Farm laborers are leaving for other sections of the country and in a little while the matter of help will be serious.

To add to the serious condition of the beleaguered people, sickness has overtaken them to an alarming extent. They have been living in improvised huts, tents and poorly constructed buildings and, as a result of exposure to the inclement weather of the past week, many families are suffering from pneumonia and other sickness incidental to cold and wet weather.

The Work of Relief. ALTON, Ill., May 20.—For the last seven days the relief committee has labored unceasingly. Its members dropped their business and gave themselves up to the work of the rescue. They have had at their disposal, freely tendered by their owners and captains, the ferryboat Altonia, the steam pleasure yacht Bumble and Pina, and for part of the time the St. Louis Post-Dispatch boat Percy Swain, together with forty-five skiffs tendered by Brance Dorsett, and several scows and flat boats.

It is impossible to estimate even the immediate loss, but the most serious phase of the trouble is not so much the actual loss to the growing crop as the fact that the distressed farmers, without a cent ahead in the world and with no credit, will have to be supported by public benevolence until next year's crop is harvested, and many of them are ruined forever and will need generous help to place them on their feet again.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 20.—The inundation at this point reached its maximum at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The river is receding gradually, and all immediate danger is averted for the present. While the river was at its height the old and historic ferry house was lifted from its foundation and carried down the Wahash railroad bridge. At the time the house contained valuable cows, several fine head hogs, driven there by the high waters, and much costly furniture. The property belonged to the Bigham estate. The loss is \$5,000. Several other smaller dwellings were loosened from their foundations and floated down stream. In South Ottumwa people are navigating the streets in boats and all connection with the north side is cut off excepting by way of the Wahash railroad bridge. The losses as yet cannot be computed, but that they are heavy is evident.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 20.—With a few days' warm sunshine Sioux City will begin to feel herself again. Almost nothing in the way of rebuilding homes can be attempted until the flooded district becomes passably dry. At present mud reigns. Until Sunday it has rained incessantly since the flood. Friday and Saturday were two days of blizzards, hail, sleet and wind, retarding even the superficial cleanup work. A general roundup of the situation shows the dead at about twenty-five. Some more bodies are undoubtedly in the ruins.

Thousands Left Homeless. A careful estimate places the number of those rendered temporarily homeless by the flood at 8,000. The majority of these have found shelter with friends. The relief committee has probably 1,000 applications on file. The committee will accept outside aid, which has been generously offered from many quarters. Mayor Fierce and other leading citizens have favored the decision to accept aid, but at a public meeting on Friday night were induced to reverse their course.

Recovering Property Lost. It will take many weeks to restore order out of chaos in the flooded bottom. The direct losses to property, while over \$1,000,000 all told, are but a fraction of the total indirect losses by interrupted commerce. There is no kind of business but will feel the blow, and yet the people are hopeful, even buoyant.

The Outlook for Crops. Dullness and overabundance as was the Sioux City flood, its property losses are small when compared with the general flood losses throughout the state and country. This rain-soaked crop country is in danger of at least a partial failure because of the loss of the bottom of the

planting season. The total damages to farmers, to the railroads and to the general business interests of the country will reach an enormous total.

Big Crevasse Near New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—Information has just reached here that a crevasse has occurred at the Hester plantation, a few miles above the great Nite crevasse of 1900. It is now 60 feet wide and is increasing rapidly. The information received is meager, but it is almost impossible to close a crevasse at that point, and it is certain that the Illinois Central railroad will go under water. The loss will probably exceed \$1,000,000. A number of valuable sugar plantations and perique tobacco farms will be overflowed for three months.

State Line Changed. PARIS, Tex., May 20.—The Red river is now falling rapidly. Farmers from the river country report that the loss by the overflow will be the greatest in years. Many farms have been almost ruined by the deposit of sand. Some have lost heavily by the saving, and others were swept away by changes in the channel. In many instances portions of plantations will be in the Indian territory when the waters subside. People along the river are greatly discouraged.

Cannot Even Replant Crops. MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 20.—Reports from points on the lower White and Arkansas rivers show that the present high water has ruined the crops of as many as 15,000 people, and that the water will remain high so long that re-planting corn and cotton is not to be thought of.

You Can Now Go To. Ottawa Beach and Macatawa Park every day, except Sunday, via Holland and boat.

Commencing Monday, May 23, the Lizzie Walsh will leave Holland at 10:15 a. m. and 1:15 p. m., and leave the Beach at 11 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. You can leave Grand Rapids at 9 a. m. and 12:05 p. m. and return at 5:35 p. m. Through train service will be resumed some time in June.

GEORGE DEHAVEN, Gen. Pass. Agt.

Buckley's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Peck Bros., druggists, corner Monroe and Division-sts.

Lily White Flour. Made by Valley City Milling Co., Grand Rapids, is a family favorite. Try it.

All members of the Owashtanong club should attend the sale and secure some memento from the club property.

PROGRESS IN CHINA.

The Wheels Move Slowly in the Dragon's Empire. His Majesty the Emperor of China and the "Son of Heaven" is enjoying a train of miniature railroad cars, presented to him by the French syndicate of capitalists who wish to get contracts for building railways in China. They will wonder at its steam engine; and the six thousand electric lights, which are now being introduced into the remotest Chinese hamlets, cannot but turn their eyes to our civilization. It will not be long ere a material advancement will be made in the science of medicine, which has for so many centuries remained a blank upon their civilization.

The missionaries are doing much to dispel the mysticism and reverence with which the Chinese hold for the concoctions of monks, toads, lizards, etc., prepared by the native doctors. They recommend standard medical books, which have long been known in America and Europe, such as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a remedy for all cases of blood-poison or humors, which has had years of uninterrupted success in the United States, and numbers its cures by the tens of thousands. This is a point gained for the future welfare of the Dragon Empire.

BANK STATEMENTS.

No. of Bank 6.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Grand Rapids Savings Bank,

At Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the close of business,

May 17, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$70,466 48
Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc.	415,346 97
Overdrafts	\$1,735,513 43
Due from banks in reserve cities	22,385 24
Furniture and fixtures	5,703 17
Other real estate	12,620 58
Current expenses and taxes paid	4,399 73
Interest paid	6,897 13
Exchanges for clearing	\$1,469 44
Checks and cash items	1,735 24
Gold and silver	12,620 58
U. S. and National Bank	2,516 00
Notes	15,778 00
Total	\$1,467,459 08
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	11,000 00
Undivided profits	54,724 16
Commercial deposits	654,022 00
Savings deposits	572,502 92
Total	\$1,467,459 08

State of Michigan, County of Kent, ss.

I, F. A. Davis, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1902.

Correct, attest: Geo. M. Edwards, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

MICHIGAN TRUST COMPANY

At Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the close of business,

May 17, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$100,000 00
Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc.	22,385 24
Due from other banks and bankers	25,000 00
Premiums paid	52 10
Furniture and fixtures	5,703 17
Other real estate	12,620 58
Current expenses and taxes paid	4,399 73
Interest paid	6,897 13
Exchanges for clearing	\$1,469 44
Checks and cash items	1,735 24
Gold and silver	12,620 58
U. S. and National Bank notes	2,516 00
Total	\$337,584 83
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000 00
Surplus fund	25,000 00
Undivided profits	51,584 83
Deposits	161,000 00
Total	\$337,584 83

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1902.

Correct, attest: Geo. M. Edwards, Notary Public.

Correct, attest: H. H. Watson, Directors.

BANK STATEMENTS.

No. of Bank 2,011.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK

Of Grand Rapids, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business,

May 17, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$94,772 40
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,287 39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	6,224 79
Due from approved reserve agents	38,303 64
Due from State National Bank	15,115 80
Due from State banks and bankers	15,744 32
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,409 83
Other real estate and mortgages owned	62,364 11
Current expenses and taxes paid	6,085 13
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	7,500 00
Checks and other cash items	2,777 11
Exchanges for clearing	1,239 96
House	3,575 00
Due from other banks	2,516 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	735 32
Specie (Gold, \$20,000 00)	20,000 00
Specie (Silver, \$10,000 00)	10,000 00
Legal tender notes	35,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	55,700 79
6 per cent. of circulation	2,250 00
Total	\$1,300,334 79
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000 00
Surplus fund	28,000 00
Undivided profits	20,000 00
National bank notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$66,266 97
Demand certificates of deposit	300,000 00
Certified checks	20,000 00
Due to National Bank	20,000 00
Due to State banks and bankers	120,812 56
Cashier's checks	\$ 00
Total	\$1,300,334 79

State of Michigan—County of Kent—ss.

I, Wm. H. Anderson, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1902.

Correct, attest: D. A. Blossett, Directors.

Correct, attest: Geo. M. Edwards, Notary Public.

Correct, attest: D. A. Blossett, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

OLD NATIONAL BANK,

At Grand Rapids, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business,

May 17, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$2,122,429 61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,250 00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	34,900 00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$4,324 14
Due from other National Bank	18,335 18
Due from State banks and bankers	8,324 43
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	461,684 40
Other real estate and mortgages owned	13,909 22
Current expenses and taxes paid	14,911 98
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	8,125 97
Checks and other cash items	17,296 13
Exchanges for clearing	14,808 80
House	32,393 00
Due from other banks	111 56
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	2,581 45
Specie (Gold, \$20,000 00)	20,000 00
Specie (Silver, \$10,000 00)	10,000 00
Legal tender notes	20,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	168,787 56
6 per cent. of circulation	2,250 00
Due from U. S. Treas. (other than 5 per cent. redemption fund)	5,000 00
Total	\$2,882,569 63
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits	20,000 00
National bank notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$400 00
Demand certificates of deposit	400,416 06
Certified checks	1,181,641 69
Due to other National Bank	575 92
Due to State banks and bankers	32,949 18
Due to State banks and bankers	156,578 94
Total	\$2,882,569 63

State of Michigan—County of Kent—ss.

I, H. J. Hollister, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1902.

Correct, attest: Geo. C. Price, Directors.

Correct, attest: Geo. M. Edwards, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

GRAND RAPIDS NATIONAL BANK

Of Grand Rapids, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business,

May 17, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$1,200,191 05
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,214 24
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	35,929 87
Due from approved reserve agents	\$4,324 14
Due from other National Bank	18,335 18
Due from State banks and bankers	8,324 43
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	461,684 40
Other real estate and mortgages owned	13,909 22
Current expenses and taxes paid	14,911 98
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	8,125 97
Checks and other cash items	17,296 13
Exchanges for clearing	14,808 80
House	32,393 00
Due from other banks	111 56
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	2,581 45
Specie (Gold, \$20,000 00)	20,000 00
Specie (Silver, \$10,000 00)	10,000 00
Legal tender notes	20,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	122,660 31
6 per cent. of circulation	2,250 00
Due from U. S. Treas. (other than 5 per cent. redemption fund)	1,500 00
Total	\$1,875,861 49
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$500,000 00
Surplus fund	100,000 00
Undivided profits	20,000 00
National bank notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$400 00
Demand certificates of deposit	400,416 06
Certified checks	1,181,641 69
Due to other National Bank	575 92
Due to State banks and bankers	32,949 18
Due to State and private banks and bankers	202,800 86
Total	\$1,875,861 49

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Pronounced Hopeless Yet Cured.

From a letter written by Mrs. M. Ward, of Groton, S. D., we quote:

"I was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption."

"Four doctors gave me up, saying that I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined that I could not stay with my friends on earth. I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took it all, right bottling. It has cured me, and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Not the 10 cents at Peck Bros' druggists regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

THANKS—

To appreciative ladies our Saturday special sale was the record breaker of the season. What a babel of voices, what a jam and crush at the counter, what a fading away of immense quantities of dress and other materials which has employed thousands of skillful hands and many ponderous looms so long to create. The labor of months gone in a day. Right in the wake of last week's great success comes

Messages of Interest

To people in Michigan. The iron horse has just brought to our Cloak Department another large invoice of those favorite

\$5.00 and \$7.50 Jackets and Capes.

It is almost impossible to get enough of them, so quickly are they picked up by shrewd buyers. The "overstocked" tale of certain merchants is abroad in the city. Something wrong with those merchants, their stocks, prices and garments. Our garments are wonderfully perfect and the prices are the engines that draw customers by scores. Last week we told you of our great line of new TEA GOWNS and WRAPPERS. They have struck the popular cord and will remain a leading feature in our business.

For Wet Weather

Mackintoshes and Rain Coats, Cravettes in Grays, Tans, Blues and Navies; Pongee and Gloria Traveling Garments.

Two Simple Words—Dress Goods

Would awaken no special interest, but when followed by these prices should quicken the pulse with anxiety to reach them.

Broadcloth, 85c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, in all spring shades. 1 case assorted shades in fine 46 in. Foule Cloth, regular 1.25, for this week 1.00.

All Wool Serge, in all colors, 40 in., 48c.

All Wool mixed Suitings, 10 styles, 38c.

All Wool Diagonal Suitings, 42c.

Full line of Checks, 46 in., 50 to 60c.

New Goods in new and stylish weaves, 50, 75, 85 and 1.00.

Evening Shades.

Sunset Clouds and Shimmer of Moonbeams seem to have touched this year's evening Dress Goods. They are simply poem pictures awaiting their frames. No such variety can be seen elsewhere as we show. Prices, 37 1-2, 50, 60, 75, 85c, 1.00.

When Linen Thoughts Arise

Spring & Company's store is always connected with the subject. No house in the whole country enjoys such a reputation as linen dealers, or is in a position to equal our daily offerings. We do not pretend to own all the trade in this line, but we do know that when people want standard linens at low prices they always come to us. Such immense quantities and varieties can be found nowhere else in the whole west.

This week good Twilled Toweling 10c per yard. Cream Damask Table Linen, 47c per yard.

100 doz. regular 1.75 Cream Damask Napkins, 1.20 per dozen.

Beautiful new line of Stamped Linens, just in, at close prices.

All varieties of light Bedsreads.

Daily increasing crowds and the wonderful activity in all branches of our business tell us that our store is more and more the rock upon which people rely who want true values and full return for their money. They know we follow the fashions closely and display the new things as soon as they strike the market tide. They know we carry the staples as well as the conventional, that all novelties find quick transit to our shelves. Our way of doing business is on the broad gauge plan. The freight-laden ships